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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: John Slaby et al. Examiner: Melvin H Pollack  
Serial No.: 09/550324 Group Art Unit: 2141  
Filed: April 14, 2000 Docket No.: 1365.007US1  
Title: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO A  
SERVICE OVER A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response December 9, 2003 to March 9, 2004.